

An INTRODUCTION TO THE SHELTON STATE LIBRARY
For HISTORY Students.

Question: "Where do I look for materials on history-related topics in the Shelton State Community College Library?"

A. A good place to begin would be at the CARD CATALOG in the library.

The Junior College Division card catalog contains listings for both books and audiovisual materials in a "dictionary" format; that is, author, title, and subject entries are included in one continuous alphabet.

In the Card Catalog, look for the particular country, person, or event in which you are interested. You may want to look for books whose titles begin with *Historic*, *Historical*, or the word *History*. Under the word *History* you will find the following general arrangement:

History, Ancient
History--Bibliography
History--Dictionaries
History--Errors, Inventions, Etc.
History--Indexes
History--Methodology
History--Modern
History, Modern--15th Century
History, Modern--16th Century
History, Modern--17th Century
History, Modern--18th Century
History, Modern--19th Century
History, Modern--20th Century
History of . . .
History--Outlines, Syllabi, Etc.
History--Philosophy
History--Poetry
History--Statistical Methods
History--Study and Teaching
History (Theology)
History--Yearbooks

Note the arrangement of the 7 drawers labeled UNITED STATES.

Note the arrangement of the drawer containing United States History:

(Subject) (Sub-heading) (Event/Time period)
United States--History--Colonial period

Rule: *Historical subheadings are filed in chronological order, as indicated in the following example.*

U.S.--HISTORY
U.S.--HISTORY--COLONIAL PERIOD, 1600-1775
U.S.--HISTORY--REVOLUTION, 1775-1783
U.S.--HISTORY--CONFEDERATION, 1783-1789
U.S.--HISTORY--1783 - 1815
U.S.--HISTORY--WAR OF 1812
U.S.--HISTORY--1815 - 1861
U.S.--HISTORY--CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
U.S.--HISTORY--1865 - 1900
U.S.--HISTORY--20th CENTURY

You may wish to browse the shelves containing books on history or related topics. Look on the shelves for books with call numbers that begin with the following letters:

- C Auxiliary sciences of history (archaeology, heraldry, biography)
- D History (general and Old World)
- E American History (general, North American Indians, colonial, Civil War)
- F American History (local history, Canada, Mexico, South America)
- G Geography, Anthropology
- J Political Science
- K Law
- U Military Science
- V Naval Science

- B. To locate magazine articles, use an Index to locate lists of articles on a specific topic. For history articles, the most useful indexes would probably be:

The Readers Guide to Periodical Literature
Humanities Index
Social Sciences Index

You may wish to browse the magazine shelves for magazines that usually contain history or history-related articles. Examine the following:

- C. You may wish to browse the History section of the REFERENCE COLLECTION in the Shelton State Library.

A REFERENCE BOOK is one that has been planned and written to be consulted for items of information rather than to be read throughout. At Shelton State, reference books are shelved in a special reference section. Books in this section are used in the library only, and generally do not circulate.

The books containing history or related information are organized on the Reference Shelves in the same manner as books on the regular book shelves:

- C Auxiliary sciences of history (archaeology, heraldry, biography)
- D History (general and Old World)
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NOTE: All REFERENCE BOOKS are included in the Card Catalog and have the abbreviation "REF." above the call number.

Most INDEXES and other heavily used reference works are located on the Index Tables near the Main Desk.

- D. You may wish to examine the following Indexes for Newspaper articles:

The NEW YORK TIMES INDEX
EDITORIALS ON FILE
NEWSBANK

- E. Special Reference Works:

CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY ALMANAC
EDITORIAL RESEARCH REPORTS
FACTS ON FILE
ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA YEARBOOK
VITAL SPEECHES OF THE DAY

HISTORY PERIODICALS
in the
SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

<u>Periodical Title</u>	<u>Holdings (Issues/Microfilm/Bound Vol.)</u>
Agricultural History	1981 - Present
Alabama Heritage	1987 - Present
Alabama Historian	1980 - 1982 (In 1983 title changed to Southern Historian)
Alabama Historical Quarterly	1971 - 1982
Alabama Review	1979 - Present
American Heritage	Dec. 1969 - Present
American Historical Review	1969 - 1973, 1977 - Present
American Journal of Legal History	1981 - Present
American Journal of Physical Anthropology	Jan. 1978 - Feb. 1979
American Literature	1944 - Present
American Quarterly	1977 - Present
American Scholar	1970 - Present
Arizona Highways	1979 - Present
Biblical Archaeology Review	1987 - Present
Civil War History	1981 - Present
Current History	Jan 1970 - Present
Daedalus	1969 - Present
Eighteenth Century Studies	1977 - Present
ELH-A Journal of English Literary History	1966 - Present
English Historical Review	1957 - Present
Facts On File	1970 - Present
Foreign Affairs	1968 - Present
Foreign Policy	Spring 1979 - Present
Historian	Nov. 1970 - Present
History Today	1970 - Present
Journal of American History	June 1960 - Present
Journal of Interdisciplinary History	1981 - Present
Journal of Negro History	1965 - Winter 1981-82 (Delay in publication)
Journal of Politics	1970 - Present
Journal of Southern History	1970 - 1973, 1978 - Present
Life	1936 - Present
Metropolitan Museum of Art Bulletin	1980 - Present
National Geographic	July 1928 - Present
Natural History	1971, 1973, 1977 - Present
Negro History Bulletin	1979 - Present
Oral History Association	1987 - Present
Prologue	1981 - Present
Renaissance Quarterly	1979 - Present
Reviews in American History	1979, 1981 - Present
Smithsonian	1977 - Present
Southern Historian	1983 - 1984
Studies in English Literature, 1500-1900	1961 - Present
Victorian Studies	Sept. 1970 - Present
William & Mary Quarterly	1981 - Present